

HOUSE RESOLUTION 281  
By Roach

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Jackson Rose of Harrogate.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Jackson Rose; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rose was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born October 27, 1936, in Shawanee, Tennessee, Jack Rose was the son of the late Lawrence and Bobbie Greer Rose, and a graduate of Forge Ridge High School; and

WHEREAS, he attended Lincoln Memorial University and graduated from the University of Tennessee (UT) Law School with L.L.B. and Doctor of Jurisprudence degrees; while attending UT, he won the award for Outstanding Moot Court Trial Lawyer; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rose first practiced law in Nashville with former Tennessee Governor Frank Clement, and was a Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Tennessee; he returned to Claiborne County in 1976 to begin private practice and was a plaintiff's attorney for personal injury cases and a noted criminal defense attorney in several East Tennessee counties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rose argued hundreds of cases in the Appellate Court in Tennessee, including the Tennessee Supreme Court, and twice successfully argued cases before the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, Jack Rose served the United States Air Force with distinction and courage; he was an active and devout member of Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, a licensed pilot and a certified scuba diver, he also enjoyed snow skiing and was an avid sports fan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rose will be fondly remembered by those who knew him best for his storytelling abilities and contagious sense of humor; always smiling and full of fun, he saw humor as a great equalizer of people, and always represented his downtrodden clients with the same tenacity and fervor as he did those who were wealthy country music stars; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rose was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, by his passing, he was united with his parents and two brothers, Larry and Cawood Rose; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rose is survived by his beloved wife, Donna Spade Rose; his sons, Rob Rose and his wife, Molly, Spade Rose and his wife, Tori Worthington, Shane Rose and his wife, Amy, and Scott Buis; his daughter, Colonel Debra Rose; his grandson and the light of his life, Gryphon Scott Buis; his sister, Mary Rose Hoskins; his nieces, Lori King Schultz and Mae Beth Beverly; his nephews, Ralph King, David Wall, and Blake Rutherford; his sister-in-law, Gloria Bunch; his special secretary and friend, Lisa Chapman; his mother-in-law, Blanche Spade; and his uncle, Junior Brooks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rose leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Robert Jackson Rose, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Robert Jackson Rose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.